Fundamental Rule 56 and alteration can be made with the sanction of the Government subject to fulfilment of the conditions prescribed therein. The details in this regard are indicated in the statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) Information about the number and details of cases of Central Government employees received and accepted or rejected by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions during the years 1985-87 is not centrally available in this Ministry.

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..Instructions for altering the date of birth of Central Government employees as recorded in their Service Book

Note 5 below Fundamental Rule 56—

"NOTE 5.—The date on which a Government servant attains the age of fifty-eight years or sixty years, as the case may be, shall be determined with reference to the date of birth declared by the Government servant at the time of appointment and accepted by the appropriate authority on production, as far as possible, of confirmatory documentary evidence such as High School or Higher Secondary or Secondary School Certificate or extracts from Birth Register. The date of birth so declared by the Government servant and accepted by the appropriate authority shall not be subject to any alteration except as specified in this note. An alteration of date of birth of a Government servant can be made, with the sanction of a Ministry or Department of the Central Government, or the Comptroller and Auditor General in regard to persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department or an administrator of a Union Territory under which the Government servant is serving, if—

(a) a request in this regard is made within five years of his entry into Government service;

(b) it is clearly established that a genuine bona-fide mistake has occurred; and

(c) the date of birth so altered would not make him ineligible to appear in any School or University or Union Public Service Commission examination in which he had appeared, or for entry into Government service on the date on which he first appeared at such examination or on the date on which he entered Government service."

Private Individuals/Retired Government Officials to conduct Departmental Enquiries

2523. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private individuals or retired Government officials can be asked to conduct departmental enquiries as per the CCS(CCA) Rules, 1965 and the Government instructions issued thereunder against delinquent officials working in Central Government/public undertakings;

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that some private individuals or retired Government officials have been entrusted with conducting departmental enquiries against the employees of Central Government public undertakings; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In terms of Rule 14(2) of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1965 and instructions issued thereunder, from time to time, the Disciplinary Authority can itself inquire into, or appoint under this Rule or under the provision of the Government Servants (Enquiries) Act, 1850, as the case may be, an Authority to enquire into the truth of imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour against a Government servant. Wherever it is not possible to have a full time Inquiry Officer and there is no suitable Office among the existing staff to conduct an inquiry, Ministries/Departments can engage retired Government servants of proven integrity or retired Judges as Inquiry Officers in individual cases.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Opening of New Post Offices

2524. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open 2000 new post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the share of West Bengal therein and the deadline by which the West Bengal Post Offices would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS *(SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO)*: (a) The target of new post offices under Annual Plan 1989-90 is 2500.

(b) The State-wise break up of the target is indicated in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(c) The target proposed for West Bengal during 1989-90 is 175 rural branch post offices and 8 departmental sub post offices subject to concurrence of Ministry of Finance, the targetted number of post offices is expected to be sanctioned by 31.3.1990. While some of the sanctioned post offices would start functioning during the current year itself, the others may be opened within the first few months of the following year.

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ANNUAL PLAN 1989-90

State-wise targets for opening of new post offices

State/Union Territory	No. of New Post Offices proposed to be opened	
	Rural branch post offices (EDBOs)	Departmental Sub Offices (DSOs)
1 2	3	4
1 Andhra Pradesh	100	4
2 Assam	90	3
3 Arunachal Pradesh	30	2
4 Bihar	250	4
5 Gujarat	95	4
6 Goa	20	2
7 *Haryana*	55	3
8 Himachal Pradesh	55	2
9 Jammu & Kashmir	50	2
10 Karnataka	105	4
11 Kerala	75	4
12 Madhya Pradesh	180	4